

THE WEATHER.

Rain Thursday and Friday, except fair northwest portion; gentle east winds. Highest temperature yesterday, 77 degrees; lowest, 66 degrees.

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WEST FLORIDA MUST FEED ITSELF!

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TERRIFIC BATTLE TO START IN FLANDERS AND VERDUN

Both British and French Commander Get Ready for Huge Clash.

GERMANS EXPECT BRITISH DRIVE

Steam Roller of British Pushes Way Through German Lines.

ASSOCIATED PRESS SUMMARY. All the important military fighting last night in the Western war theatre was confined to the French front where attacks by the Germans in the Aisne and Champagne sectors, as well as in the Verdun region were repulsed by General Petain's troops. There is promise of a speedy renewal of the activity in Flanders however. Field Marshal Haig, for instance, sends from British headquarters today one of those laconic reports that so frequently have preceded the periodic attacks on that front. "Nothing of special interest to report" has meant in several of these cases that the British guns had opened their terrific drum fire preparatory to an attack. The German high command apparently is anticipating a renewal of the British drive, as the latest Berlin statement in reporting the intense artillery activity in Flanders said no infantry attacks had taken place, "up to the present."

There has been a spell of comparatively good weather in the area east of Ypres where the British steam roller is pushing its way through the German lines. Thus the British aviators apparently have been able to collect sufficient information to enable their artillery to pursue its work with its usual precision and telling effect, while the mud fields presumably have dried out somewhat with the cessation of the rain.

An admission of possible significance was contained in the German statement on the Macedonian front situation received last night. Several villages in the Struma region on the right flank of the allied lines northeast of Saloniki have been "ceded" by the Bulgarians to the British, Berlin announces.

Such a move might be made in anticipation of a Bulgarian attack on the Saloniki armies of the allies to which Germany is reported to be urging King Ferdinand. Emperor William's visit to Sofia has been connected by one of the German newspapers with this reported project.

Greece might now be expected to aid the allies in repelling such an attack or in pushing an offensive. A declaration of war by Greece against Bulgaria in fact seems to be expected shortly by the central powers.

The German naval and military machine is obviously proceeding with the rapidity to carry out its program of gaining complete dominance in the Gulf of Riga. It has all of Oesel Island, off the mouth of the gulf already in its grasp. Berlin's announcement of the completion of the conquest followed shortly the statement from Petrograd that the Russian war office had lost touch with the Russian forces on that island. All that remained had been picked up on the Southern peninsula which terminates in the town of Serel and this evidently has now been swept clear by the Germans.

All arms of the German service seem engaged in the operations, even a fleet of Zeppelins being on hand to make observations. The Russian naval forces are now bearing the brunt of the resistance to the German effort and Petrograd reports their patrol ships keeping in touch with and having encounters with German torpedo craft.

Berlin does not admit any losses in the engagement north of Oesel island, in which the Russian reported two German torpedo craft sunk and two damaged, while conceding the loss of one Russian destroyer. Furthermore Petrograd today reports that a German dreadnaught struck a mine off Oesel Island on October 12, making for the coast after the explosion of the mine, the ultimate fate of the warship being unknown.

NAVAL SKIRMISHING IN THE GULF OF RIGA. Petrograd, Oct. 17.—The Russian war office has completely lost touch with the Russian forces on the island of Oesel, it was officially reported today.

Naval skirmishing is continuing in the waters around Oesel Island off the Gulf of Riga, Russian patrol ships having had encounters with German torpedo craft.

A fleet of Zeppelins is reported over Moon Sound, northeast of Oesel Island. One German dreadnaught which ran into the Russian mine field defending Oesel Island on October 12, struck a mine, the statement adds. After the explosion the warship made for the coast and its ultimate fate is not known.

GORE WOULD TAX BUT NOT BORROW TO FINANCE WAR

SENATOR FROM OKLAHOMA SAYS BORROWING TENDS INEVITABLY TO ADVANCE THE COSTS OF LIVING.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. New York, Oct. 17.—In an address here today before the convention of the Southern Commercial Congress, Senator Gore of Oklahoma, made a plea in favor of taxation as against borrowing in financing the war. "Borrowing," he said, "tends inevitably to increasing prices, to advance in the cost of living and to a number of resulting economic and social evils. Legislation has recently been enacted in an effort to arrest or to reduce the increasing cost of living."

"We ought not to adopt a financial policy which will inevitably produce or aggravate the very situation we are le-sitating to prevent."

"Taxation," he said, "tends on the other hand to restrict increasing prices, and it is in harmony with the legislation on and with the desire to curb the cost of living."

Quoting an estimate that if the war continues two years the bonded indebtedness of the United States will aggregate twenty billion dollars, Senator Gore pointed out that at 4 per cent. this would mean that at the end of twenty-five years he people will have paid twenty billion dollars in interest and will still owe the principal.

NEW DRAFT PLAN IS BEING WORKED OUT BY THE PROVOST MARSHAL

Washington, Oct. 17.—A comprehensive new plan for applying the military draft which at first would take only men without dependents, and of no particular value to war industries, and establishing various exemptions, is being worked out tentatively by the Provost Marshal's office.

The plan was recently submitted to civilians who directed the examination boards. It met with their approval. No class of exemptions would result from the plan, but valuable men would be placed so that they would not be called until the need for soldiers becomes more urgent. It is proposed to formulate in each local draft district a table of registrants, and placing each in a column denoting his dependents, and industrial value in the war's prosecution. Men with no dependents would be placed in the first class, those with dependent distant relatives second, those with wives third, and with wife and child fourth.

NON-SUIT FILED IN CASE OF BISHOPS

A praecipe for non-suit was filed yesterday by the plaintiffs in the cases of Will and S. Bishop v. E. F. Porter recently transferred to the federal court from Okaloosa county. The suits are filed separately and are for damages in the sum of \$5,000 each, for injuries alleged to have been sustained by false imprisonment. J. T. Sullivan represents the plaintiffs, while Sullivan and Sullivan are attorneys for the defendant.

RECRUITING FALLS OFF IN PENSACOLA

Reports from the local navy recruiting station indicate that Pensacola has fallen far behind in supplying the quota for this week, and that enlistment in this territory is on the wane.

Every branch of the service is open for enlistment, and the recruiting office is making a special effort to bring Pensacola up to the top of the list. Nine recruits were received in this entire district last week, Pensacola supplying one, while the weekly quota is two.

FORD IS STOLEN NEAR THE CIRCUS GROUNDS

Bernard Sullivan early yesterday afternoon reported that his automobile had been stolen from near the show grounds, where it had been parked. Mr. Sullivan went in his car out for the afternoon performance, and when difficulties forced the postponement of the show, he went to the point where the car had been

GERMANY'S NEW THREAT TO PETROGRAD



The German menace approached so much nearer Petrograd by the attacks upon Oesel and Dago islands, Russian commanding position over the Gulf of Riga. The Russian cities of Hapsal, Reval and Pernau lie along the coast of the mainland opposite the islands. From Reval a railroad runs directly into the capital. German capture of these cities would force the lengthening of the Russian front, shown on the map by the heavy black line midway between Riga and Volmar, to a point touching the Gulf of Finland.

AMERICAN DESTROYER IS TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINE

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Washington, Oct. 17.—An American destroyer, patrolling the war zone, was torpedoed by an enemy submarine yesterday. Gunner's Mate Osmond Kelly Ingram, of Pratt City, Ala., was killed and five were wounded. She managed to make port despite the damage.

Vice Admiral Sims cabled a brief report of the incident to the navy department, but gave few details, and it is assumed there was no fight and that the U-boat made good her escape after launching the torpedo.

In accordance with the policy of secrecy surrounding the American naval operations, the department did not divulge the name of the destroyer, or the exact place of encounter.

54 COUNTIES TO GET FEDERAL AID IN ROAD MAKING

OFFICE FORCE OF STATE ROAD DEPARTMENT WORKING OUT PRORATA FOR THE ENTIRE STATE OR FLORIDA.

Tallahassee Bureau. The Pensacola Journal. Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 17.—At the headquarters of the state road department of Florida the office force and engineers have been decidedly busy since the annual meeting of the department last week. The meeting lasted for three days and resulted in action being taken concerning work in nearly every one of the fifty-four counties of Florida during the coming year.

Quite a number of counties along the east and west road, leading from Jacksonville to Pensacola, and the north and south road, leading from the Georgia state line to Fort Myers, on the lowest west coast, will be given assistance in the shape of federal aid funds and others will be assisted, as far as it is possible, to do so, with the labor of the limited number of convicts placed at the disposal of the department.

Every county in the state, however, is to receive some assistance, for one of the laws enacted by the legislature of 1917 provides that eighty-five per cent of the automobile license tax, collected by the state comptroller during 1918, must be expended by the state road department on the roads of the various counties.

It is very evident that few, if any, of the delegates attending the conference with the state road department last week understood the wording of the law and the powers of the road department concerning the distribution of the automobile license tax money. Many of those in attendance appeared to think that the 85 per cent for maintaining the roads in the respective counties would be given to the county commissioners to expend as they saw fit. In this they were mistaken, and some will be badly disappointed, no doubt.

BOY THOUGHT THE ELEPHANTS WERE "BEING BACKED UP"

"It'll be coming soon, 'cause they're backing up the elephants to get them in line," was the comment of a youngster yesterday while hundreds were on the street awaiting the expected parade. About 11 o'clock, when patience had almost ceased to exist, quite a number of animals were moved from the latest special, and were being driven through Garden street to the show grounds. There were ten elephants, and the original and thorough-meaning remark of the youngster brought a smile to otherwise wearied countenances.

PLAN AN AUTO TRIP HENCE TO JACKSONVILLE

Start Proposed at Pensacola Nov. 13 Over Old Spanish Trail.

ROAD DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED

Idea of Jant Originated With J. D. Smith, State Road Secretary.

Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 17.—Hon. J. D. Smith, of Marianna, secretary of the state road department, was a visitor to Tallahassee Tuesday and while at the headquarters of the road department sent out a formal invitation to each of the boards of county commissioners of the northern tier of counties along the east and west highway between the Alabama state line and the Atlantic ocean, to meet with the five members of the department and State Road Commission on William F. Cooke at designated points along the highway at the time the department is to make a trip by automobile over this road, which is to become state road No. 1, when all of the unfinished gaps have been improved.

This inspection tour of the east and west highway, which is also known as the Dixie Highway from Tallahassee to Jacksonville as well as known as the National Highway from Madison to Jacksonville, was decided upon at the annual meeting of the state road department, held in Tallahassee last week.

The object of the tour is to allow the members of the department to become familiar with the actual condition of all parts of the road as found at the present time. Also, to meet with the county commissioners and advise them officially just what the road department has decided to do in the way of assisting the counties in improving the bad gaps.

The idea of making this inspection trip, which is later to be continued over the north and south highway, from the Georgia state line to the southern end of the state, originated with J. D. Smith, the secretary of the department. The other members readily agreed that the proposed tour would afford the very best method of getting a first-hand comprehensive idea of what is needed to put the entire road in the best possible condition, and as a result, the trip was decided upon.

The following is the official program of the trip, which is to start at Pensacola and end at Jacksonville, the members meeting in Pensacola on the evening of Monday, November 12, and starting out in a seven-passenger automobile Tuesday morning, November 13.

ITINERARY OF TOUR. First Day, Tuesday, November 13. Escambia County, Pensacola, San Carlos Hotel, 8 a. m.

Santa Rosa County, Milton. Exchange Hotel, 11 a. m.

Okaloosa County, Crestview, Court House, 2:30 p. m.

Walton County, DeFuniak Springs, Court House, 5 p. m.

Second Day, Wednesday, Nov 14. Washington County (first stop) Caryville, 8 a. m.

Holmes County, Bonifay, Court House, 9:30 a. m.

Washington County, (second stop) Chipley, Hotel, 10:30 a. m.

Jackson County, Marianna, Court House, 11:30 a. m.

Gadsden County, Quincy, Court House, 3:00 p. m.

Leon County, Tallahassee, Court House, 6 p. m.

Third Day, Thursday, November 15. Jefferson County, Monticello, Court House, 8:30 a. m.

Madison County, Madison, Court House, 11:00 a. m.

Suwannee County, Live Oak, Court House, 1:30 p. m.

Columbia County, Lake City, Court House, 7:30 p. m.

Fourth Day, Friday, November 16. Baker County, Macclenny, Court House, 9:0 a. m.

Nassau County, Mattox Junction, 11:00 a. m.

Duval County, Jacksonville, Mason hotel, 2:00 p. m.

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Greatest Show on Earth Greatly Handicapped in Keeping Local Date.

DELAYED TRAIN STOP THE PARADE

Ten Thousand or More, However, Witness an Abbreviated Performance.

Pensacola witnessed its first tentless circus yesterday, and the innovation proved an enjoyable one, for the crowd which usually sees only the stage set, saw the equally interesting life behind the scenes, saw the clown without his putty, Charlie Chaplin without the mustache, and the hundreds of other performers without the spangles and cloaks they don to hold the eye of the public.

They saw that a trick elephant is a mighty useful thing, as well as being ornamental in the ring, when one of the great wagons bog to the hub in mud. They saw what a vast organization a circus really is; saw the kitchen that would make a big hotel blush for shame; saw the actors and actresses without the paint and powder, without all the artificiality of the spot lights and sawdust, and decided that it was better than the show itself, and a sight very seldom seen.

But the show was the thing, and despite the almost insurmountable obstacles in the way of the managers, a very creditable performance was given, witnessed by ten thousand people.

Officials connected with the organization stated that it is the first time that the Barnum and Bailey organization ever missed giving its entire program in the same city on two occasions, and it is the first time in history that it was ever staged without the "big top."

Several years ago, this circus was forced to cancel an engagement here because the rain was so heavy that it was impossible to move the wagons. Covering a period of thirteen years the circus has missed but two engagements on account of rain, the other occurring in Topeka.

Delayed train schedules was the first obstacle in the way of the circus and the limited time made it practically impossible to move all of the equipment to the grounds. On arrival here it was discovered that the city had designated Government street as the route for hauling the equipment through the city, and that the bad roads at the end of the pavement rendered it impossible to haul the heavy wagons. For this reason, much of the equipment was never unloaded, but all of the features that could be taken to the grounds were presented.

The management of the circus stated last night that despite the disappointment of the crowds in omitting the parade, and one show, that it was the best natured crowd they had every seen.

But the crowd enjoyed itself inspecting the inside machinery of a circus when the top is taken off, and delighted in the motor driven stake driver, and better still, the old fashioned "twelve man power" driver hitting on all twelve, and no man striking another's sledge hammer. The electric power plant, the great laundry, mess hall, and quarters all came in for their inspection, and offered a never ending variety of attractions to the inquisitive crowd.

Best of all, though, many discovered the mysteries of packing a giraffe, and to their surprise found that his head is not tucked away in a persimmon, but that he is neatly folded like a steamer chair, and slipped in a little box.

RAILROADS MAY ASK FOR GENERAL RATE INCREASE. Washington, Oct. 17.—Eastern railroads are preparing to place before the Interstate Commerce Commission a program to provide for general relief from their financial difficulties. What form it will take is not disclosed but is believed a general rate increase may be asked.

CREEK INDIAN BUYS \$250,000 LIBERTY BONDS

Ockmulgee, Okla., Oct. 17.—Loan Jackson Barnett, a Creek Indian, whose affairs are managed by a guardian, has been permitted by the county court to subscribe for \$250,000 of the second liberty loan bonds. He is the possessor of \$162,000 of

Much Interest Manifest in Outcome of Injunction Case to Be Heard.

ARGUMENT STARTS AT 11 A. M. TODAY

Upon Strength of Decision Depends Future Operation of Service Clubs.

What is regarded as a highly important proceeding is scheduled for argument this morning at 11 o'clock before Judge C. M. Jones of the Court of Record, that proceeding being in part a test of the Davis Package law in a new form, since at this time it is presented in the shape of an injunction brought to prevent Sheriff Van Pelt from further seizure of a stock of liquors said to have been kept in a service club on Palafox street.

Two defendants were arrested as an outcome of the sheriff's visit to the service club some two weeks ago, and it was then announced that the law would have to be complied with. At the time the sheriff acted in this instance, the city of Pensacola was nominally a dry city, since pending application in the county had not been finally passed on and allowed by the board of county commissioners, and in the nature of things no liquor could be legally disposed of in this city. The service club, it is stated, was maintained by Jos. Hilliard, but it is understood, and will probably be so argued today, that it was owned or the stock was owned, by William Camp, proprietor of a saloon adjoining. These arrests were followed with the sheriff's announcement that should the place open for business again, it would mean that available stock be confiscated. This announcement was followed by the injunction, which sought to keep the sheriff from further interference in the matter. Kirke Montrose represents the parties who brought up the action, and in the proceedings today, John P. Stokes, appearing for the sheriff, will also be in the case.

There is widespread interest in the probable outcome of this hearing, and a great many citizens of note are expected to attend. Some considerable inquiry has been made relative to the time and place for the hearing, and it was stated last evening that quite a representative gathering from the city churches will be on hand.

The proceeding is expected to be argued in the Court of Record building, and because of the interest which has been manifested, there will be no hearing in chambers. Some of those who wished to be present announced last night that, while they are usually very busy at that hour, they are going to put off their own matters and attend the arguments.

There have been proven no sales in the case, it is understood, but one line of defense which those who brought the proceedings will present is a large number of names of alleged club "members," this list containing the names of scores of well-known and prominent citizens. Whether or not they will be interrogated respecting their connection with the alleged service club is a question which was not publicly answered last evening.

NEWLY-WEDS NOT EXEMPT FROM DRAFT

At a meeting of the local exemption board yesterday morning a resolution was adopted under which no man subject to draft, who married after registration day, will be exempted by reason of his marriage.

The action was taken so that some fixed policy would be enforced as there are several cases where the claim had been raised by "war grooms." All other business before the board was disposed of yesterday, and the calendar is clean for the third draft which takes place today.

THIRD QUOTA DRAFT WILL REPORT TODAY

The first of the third quota for Escambia county recently called by the local board to make up the deficit will report this morning for physical examination. The examinations will extend over a period of three days, but the men are urged to report as their names are called, so that there will be no delay in completing the quota.